A Global College 2014 Spring Institute
HRGS2650 - Trafficking in Persons: From Global to Local Dimensions

HRGS 2650/750 - Classes from May 3-14, 2014
HRGS 2650/758 - Online, Lectures by video on demand

[Syllabus – guest lectures to be added and confirmed]

IN-CLASS DATES: Saturday May 3 & Sunday May 4: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 1L10
Tuesday May 6: 5 to 9 p.m. (Community Forum at 6pm) in 2M70
Saturday May 10 & Sunday May 11: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 1L10
Wednesday May 14: 5 to 9 p.m. (Community Forum at 6pm) in 2M70

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
This is a new 3 credit course, developed in response to requests from students and in consultation with community-based advocates who are on the ‘front lines’ on a daily basis confronting the realities of trafficking at the global and local levels. This course explores systemic responses to trafficking through development and implementation (or not) of laws, policies and programs.

2. CLASSES – SATURDAY MAY 3 TO WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2014:
In-class lectures are by guest professor Gunilla Ekberg and numerous guest lecturers presenting from multiple perspectives over two weekends (2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays from 10 am to 430pm) and on two evenings that are classes beginning at 5pm just for students in this course then at 6pm opening for guest lectures for the course that evening are community forums. Please note: Lectures are given and recorded in 45-minute segments, that become available on the UW video-on-demand channel (VOD) within ten hours of each day’s lectures.

Ms. Ekberg will be available after class for informal discussions that will not be recorded.

3. COURSE OVERVIEW
This course will be taught primarily by Gunilla S. Ekberg, with some guest lecturers, to provide a range of perspectives and expertise. Ms. Ekberg - a human rights lawyer and an international expert on human trafficking - will explore and assess various responses to human trafficking (judicial, state and non-state) over the past forty years, including definitions and distinctions in policy, legislation and practice, as well as victim protection initiatives, and implementation of human trafficking prevention and reduction strategies in a variety of international, national and local contexts.
Students will gain an in-depth understanding of legal and policy implications of domestic and cross-border human trafficking, apply their knowledge to practical situations, working together to assess and propose appropriate local and national prevention, protection and enforcement responses and strategies. Students will be encouraged to pay specific attention to the impact of such initiatives on vulnerable populations, particularly sexually exploited children and youth.

In the context of Canada’s international and national human rights obligations, this course will examine the inter-connections between prostitution and human trafficking, and provide students with an understanding of the current debates in Canada, in other countries and international venues about prostitution and trafficking in human beings - whether as serious violations of human rights or as viable means for women and men to engage in gainful employment.

Guest lecturers with diverse perspectives and varying backgrounds in Canada and some other countries, including government authorities, community-based advocates and officers of the Winnipeg Police Service will enliven and inform class discussions. Students taking the course online will access lectures and class discussions by video-on-demand and will have the opportunity to participate through facilitated online discussions that will be pat of the assessment for class participation.

**NB. Additional reading material will be posted to nexus during the course.**
Students must use: [https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca](https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca) to access course materials and to submit assignments. Online students are assigned discussion groups – with facilitators - as part of their class participation.

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### 4. SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**Saturday May 3, 2014 from 10:00-13:00 (Classes 1-3 on VOD)**

**A Brief History of Human Trafficking/ Prostitution – Global to Local**

**Required readings:**


**Recommended readings:**


  * Introduction to course, course objectives and case study essay.
  * What is human trafficking?
  * Historic overview of prostitution and human trafficking in an international legal and policy context, and in Manitoba (1840-2013).
  * Human trafficking: scale and extent internationally and in Canada – what do we know?

Film & Discussion: Lukas Moodysson, *Lilya 4-ever*, (Sweden, 2002).  

**Saturday May 3, 2014 from 13:30-16:30 (Classes 4-6 on VOD)**

*Different Approaches to Prostitution and Human Trafficking Internationally and in Canada*

**Required readings:**


**Recommended readings:**


- Basic concepts and terminology
- Human rights violation, work or liberation?
- Stakeholder analysis: Internationally and in Canada
- In-depth case country studies: The Netherlands and Sweden
- Canada, Charter equality rights, prostitution and human trafficking


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**Root Causes of Prostitution and Human Trafficking: Prevention and Interventions**  
*Part I - Socio-political and economic inequalities*

**Required readings:**


**Recommended readings:**

*R. v. Pickton* 2009 BCCA 300.


- Systemic socio-economic discrimination of women
- Violence against women
- Colonization and Aboriginal communities
- Presentation and analysis of good practice examples

Group discussions
Sunday May 4, 2014 from 13:30-16:30 (Classes 10-12)

*Root Causes of Prostitution and Human Trafficking: Prevention and Interventions*

*Part 2 - The Demand*

Required readings:


Recommended readings:

Janson, Lara *et al*, “Our Great Hobby” *An Analysis of Online Networks for Buyers of Sex in Illinois* (Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, 2013) [Excerpts].

- The demand: what, who and when?
- The obligation to put into place measures to discourage demand
- Presentation and analysis of good practice examples

Group discussions

Multimedia: *The Invisible Men Project* [http://the-invisible-men.tumblr.com](http://the-invisible-men.tumblr.com)

Tuesday May 6, 2014 from 5 – 9 p.m. (Classes 13 - 16) – Convocation Hall

*Community Forum and Guest Lecture by the Hon. Kerri Irvin-Ross, Minister of Family Services-Manitoba*

Saturday May 10, 2014 from 10:00-13:00 (Classes 17-19)

*Prostitution and Human Trafficking: Victim Protection, Assistance and Support*

Required readings:


Native Women’s Association of Canada, *What Their Stories Tell Us: Research Findings from*
the Sister in Spirit Initiative (NWAC, 2010).


Recommended readings:


- Appropriate measures and good-practice examples for the protection of and assistance to victims of prostitution and human trafficking – Canada and internationally.
- Survivors Speak Out


Saturday May 10, 2014 from 13.30-16:30 (Classes 20-22)

Legal Framework, Law Enforcement and Organized Crime

Required readings:

Criminal Code of Canada R.S.C. 1985 c. C-46, sections 210, 211, 212, 213 (offences related to prostitution), and sections 279.01(1), 279.2, 279.3, 279.4 (offences related to human trafficking).


Recommended readings:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Human Trafficking in Canada: A Threat Assessment (Ottawa, Ont.: RCMP, 2010).


- Federal and provincial legal framework regarding prostitution and human trafficking
- Internet, prostitution, pornography and human trafficking
• Criminal justice responses to prostitution-related offences – Canada and internationally.

Group discussions

Panel: Conversation among a representative of Winnipeg Police Services, Kajsa Wahlberg, Detective Superintendent and Swedish National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Simon Häggström, Stockholm City Police Anti-Prostitution Group (via video link/Skype).

Multimedia: Veckans Brott, episode 8 (4 March 2014)
http://www.svtplay.se/video/1865176/del-8-av-9

Sunday May 11, 2014 from 10:00-13:00 and 13:30-16:30 (Classes 23-28)
The Way Forward – Strategies to Prevent and Combat Prostitution and Human Trafficking

Required readings:

Recommended readings:

• Presentation of good-practice examples from around the world and Canada.
• Student draft case study essay presentations.
• Development of recommendations for community forum

Group discussions
Wednesday May 14, 2014 from 17-21:00 (Classes 29-32)

Community Forum - What Can We do to Prevent Human Trafficking in Manitoba?

Guest lecture: Police Chief Devon Clunis

Panel, followed by Open Discussion

5. Assessment and Evaluation – all assignments submitted via nexus
This is an intensive course with hands-on, problem-based seminars, accessible entirely online, or in-class (limited seating) on the weekend days of May 3, 4, 10, 11, and the evenings of Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 14, 2014 - with no prerequisites. Evaluation will be conducted during the six days of classes, as well as through facilitated online group discussions and a written proposal for the final case study. A final major case study essay is to be submitted via nexus by 11 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

6. Bio – Guest Instructor: Gunilla S. Ekberg
Gunilla S. Ekberg is a Swedish-Canadian feminist lawyer (Barrister & Solicitor, British Columbia, 2001) and internationally recognized as an expert on human rights laws and policies, trafficking in human beings, and gender equality.

As a Special Advisor on Prostitution and Trafficking in Human Beings to the Swedish Government for six years, Ms. Ekberg was responsible for the development and implementation of the Government’s comprehensive, gender equality-based legal and public policies on prostitution and trafficking in human beings. She coordinated a number of multi-lateral prevention. She took part in the negotiations for the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (2000), as representative for an international NGO, and acted as a special advisor to government negotiators throughout the negotiations for the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (2005), as well as for a number of European Union agreements on human trafficking. Ms. Ekberg is an advisor on issues pertaining to human trafficking. She is regularly invited to act as an expert to international and regional bodies, as well as giving advice to governments, and to testify to parliamentary commissions.

Ms. Ekberg regularly teaches in under-graduate, graduate and professional development on international law and human trafficking, including at the University of Stirling School of Law in Scotland, at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden, at the Danish Institute for Human Rights in Copenhagen, Denmark, as well as at the University of Glasgow School of Law, where she is currently a PhD candidate in Law.

Prior to her legal career, Ms. Ekberg worked as a social worker for fifteen years with victims of male violence against women and children, including with girl survivors of child sexual abuse, and survivors of prostitution and trafficking in human beings, in several countries such as Canada, Denmark, USA, and Sweden.